

# ALGER IS CHOSEN.

HE IS OFFERED AND ACCEPTS THE SECRETARYSHIP OF WAR.

HE AND SHERMAN ON GOOD TERMS.

"They Will Work Together in Harmony"—New York and General Stewart L. Woodford—Colonel J. J. McCook.

CANTON, O., January 29.—This was Major McKinley's birthday, and he celebrated it by tendering the portfolio of War to General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, who at once accepted it. General Alger authorized the correspondent of the Southern Associated Press to say that he had accepted the portfolio of War. He was asked if all differences between himself and Senator Sherman had been arranged. "Yes," said he. "We are on good terms, and will work together in harmony."

General Alger arrived at 1 o'clock, and lunched with Major McKinley. Ex-Congressman A. M. Thompson, of Ohio, and ex-Speaker Titus Sheard, of New York,



RUSSELL ALEXANDER ALGER.

were the other guests. After luncheon, Major McKinley and General Alger retired for a private talk, and at the expiration of two hours General Alger came out, and made the announcement that he was to be in the Cabinet. He left for Detroit at 4 o'clock.

General Alger was in a happy frame of mind, and was frankly pleased with the result of his visit to Canton. He said he was not personally acquainted with all of the men who are likely to be in the Cabinet, and said that three of them he did not know by sight. He said the appointment of Mr. Gage had made a remarkably favorable impression on the business and commercial world, and would hasten the return of confidence.

Ex-Speaker Sheard, of New York, talked for two hours to-day with the President-elect. He said that he was in every way a very satisfactory one. We discussed the New York situation in respect to the Cabinet, and urged the appointment of General Stewart L. Woodford, on the ground that he is a clean, strong, capable man, about whom very much that is good can be said. His appointment would be acceptable to the organizations in New York, and that fact would not make it unpalatable to any fair-minded citizen. Major McKinley has a high opinion of General Woodford, and may appoint him, but I do not think he has decided what to do with respect to New York. My conviction is that New York will be represented in the Cabinet by a thoroughly satisfactory man.

Colonel J. J. McCook, of New York, who called on Major McKinley last night, is mentioned to-day as a Cabinet possibility.

General Russell A. Alger, who is to be Secretary of War, was born in Lafayette, Medina county, O., February 25, 1838, the son of Russell and Caroline Alger; both descended from English ancestry. He worked on a farm in summer and studied in the winter, receiving his education at the Richmond Academy, in Lafayette. He studied law and was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1858. He then removed to Michigan, and when the war between the States broke out, in 1861, enlisted as a private in the Second Michigan Cavalry. He served with gallantry throughout the war, and reached the rank of major-general. In 1864 General Alger was elected Governor of Michigan as a Republican, and served one term. He was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1890. He resides in Detroit, and is wealthy.

## JAMES WILSON, OF IOWA.

He Will Probably Be Secretary of Agriculture.

CANTON, O., January 29.—James Wilson, of Iowa, who has been prominently mentioned in connection with the position of Secretary of Agriculture, arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening, and drove at once to Major McKinley's residence. The Major, who knew Mr. Wilson when he was in Congress, greeted him heartily, and the two at once withdrew for a private conversation, which lasted more than an hour. Mr. Wilson, in all probability, will be offered and will accept the portfolio of Agriculture.

ECKELS'S SUCCESSOR.

The report that Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, is to be Controller of the Currency has some foundation, but it could not be confirmed to-night.

## THE OREGON DEADLOCK.

Denson-Mitchell House Apparently on Its Last Legs.

SALEM, ORE., January 29.—The Bourne-Davis House met at 9:30 and adjourned till the same hour to-morrow. The Denson-Mitchell House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. and then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday next. The Senate still refuses to recognize this House, and the Secretary of State will not pay for the printing of its bills, maintaining that it is an illegal organization, and from present indications it cannot last much longer.

## DESPERADO DONE FOR.

"Man of the Flowing Moustache" Killed by Officers.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 29.—With the killing in this city at noon to-day of "Billy" Carter, commonly spoken of as "the man of the long and flowing moustache," one of the law's most dreaded foes bit the dust.

Carter was a common Georgia "cracker," illiterate, and until recent years a laborer, belonging to the class known as "poor whites." One night last fall, for reasons unknown, he shot Police Captain Thomas Russell in the arm. All search for him was unavailing, but he has led a charmed life since, and became a terror to officers of the law and peaceable citizens alike. He had no confederates, but as a lone highwayman, plundered the country at will, and on several occasions held at bay officers who

were searching for him. He not infrequently entered the city, and was seen at entertainments in the outskirts.

A few days since Carter's wife rented a cottage in the city on a back street, and to-day the police authorities were notified of Carter's presence there. A posse of seven officers, under Sergeant Haskins, surrounded the house. The outlaw defied arrest, and walked into the midst with two big Colt's revolvers, which he discharged right and left, his first shot breaking the arm of Detective Charles Brock; but Carter's body was filled with lead before he had fired three words he spoke before he died. "Send my pistols and my body back to Augusta."

## AUGUSTA AND CHATTANOOGA R. R.

Prospect That It Will Be Built—Great Possibilities.

AUGUSTA, GA., January 29.—There is a prospect of the Augusta and Chattanooga railroad being built. The Chronicle to-morrow will publish a letter from J. C. Stanton, of Ballston Spa, N. Y., who built the Alabama Great Southern railroad, in which he says:

"I have never known such times to negotiate for a new line. The Augusta and Chattanooga railroad I think one of the most important railroads to be built at present, and it is of no use to flatter the people that they are going to get a railroad until you negotiate for men to build it."

"At last, I have found a party who will take the securities and furnish the money to complete the enterprise. They are to send their men here, to see if the statements which I have made are true. I have no fears but that he will find it as I have stated. I am in hopes he will be ready to go with me South, the latter part of this week. I will take my engineer with him."

The building of the Augusta and Chattanooga would be one of the greatest things that could happen for Augusta and the Southern States, and would open up a magnificent territory to this city, put it in closer touch with the great coal and iron fields of Alabama and Tennessee, and make Augusta the gateway of the West to the sea, saving the great agricultural interests of the West thousands of miles between their trade centres and foreign countries.

## SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.

One Appointed by British Commons. Victoria's Sexagesimal.

LONDON, January 29.—In the House of Commons to-day, the discussion of the question of the appointment of a committee to inquire into the troubles in South Africa was resumed. In the course of the debate, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, declared that the position in South Africa was still unsettled, and that during the past few days there had been a recurrence, and an increase in growth of the feeling of unrest, which must be

Matters had been rendered much worse, he said, by the recent legislation on the part of the Government, and that, in the future, the Government would have to deal with a situation which was considerably more serious than the one which was now before them.

An imperfect description of one robber was secured. The messenger thought the robbers did not know the train, and that they were, consequently, would not secure much money.

The mail-car was also visited, and registered letters were taken. The explosions set first to the snow-plow, so that the robbers left it was a mass of flames. The train-crowd worked like Trojans, but were unable to save it. The car and its contents were almost totally destroyed by fire.

The passengers were considerably shaken up and frightened, but no one was injured.

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## BUILDING AND LOAN COMPANIES.

Only One in Knoxville Now That Is Unembarrassed.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 29.—The only building and loan association in this city now which is not in the hands of a receiver is the People's, and it is not purely a building and loan organization, but does a banking business, with the building and loan feature as a side issue.

A. Y. Burrows was to-day named as receiver for the Citizens' Building and Loan Association. The Citizens' association does business in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia.

The Citizens' association was organized in 1872, and has since that time been a failure. The stockholders of the Knoxville company held a meeting to-day, and agreed to have the temporary receiver, Mr. Burrows, to take charge of the association at once. This is the oldest one of the building associations in Knoxville, having been organized in 1872.

A feature of the many failures, which has not been previously mentioned, is that the associations owe to the city of Knoxville over \$60 in taxes, which must be paid before they can be liquidated.

The Covenant Building and Loan Association, which asked for a receiver yesterday, has had W. A. Galbraith, Deputy Clerk and Master of the chancery court, named as receiver. This association will wind up its business at once.

## CASE OF THE THREE FRIENDS.

Petition by Attorney-General for Review by Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, January 29.—Attorney-General Harmon has prepared a petition for writ of certiorari to bring up for review by the Supreme Court of the United States the case of the Three Friends, the alleged filibustering steamer, from the United States to Florida, which will present to the court at its session Monday next. An appeal from the Southern District of Florida has been taken to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where it is now pending. In the petition the attorney-general says:

"The question involved in this case is whether the words 'colony, district, or people,' in section 552 of the Revised Statutes, are confined to application to political bodies whose belligerency has been formally recognized, or whether they extend to the present insurrection in Cuba, which is a colony, district, or people, and whose belligerency has been formally recognized. The question is of great importance, and it is of the government of this country for nearly two years past, although the insurgents have not received any recognition of belligerency of all which the courts take judicial notice."

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# TRAIN HELD UP.

TWO OR THREE MEN DO THE WORK EFFECTUALLY.

EXPRESS-CAR DYNAMITED.

Two Small Safes Blown Open and Looted—Car Takes Fire and Is Almost Entirely Destroyed—Passengers Uninjured.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 29.—Train No. 15, the north-bound express on the Southern Pacific road, was held up this morning at Shady Point, two or three miles south of Roseburg, Ore., by two or three men. The express-car was detached from the train by the robbers, and the door blown open with dynamite. Two small safes in the car were blown open and looted. The express-car then took fire. The conductor and trainmen worked hard to save the car after the robbers had gone, but the car and its contents were destroyed.

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